

OPINION 804

COLUBER DOLIATUS LINNAEUS, 1766 (REPTILIA): SUPPRESSED
UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *doliatus* Linnaeus, 1766, as published in the binomen *Coluber doliatus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *doliatus* Linnaeus, 1766, as published in the binomen *Coluber doliatus* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 881.

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *triangulum* Lacépède, 1788, as published in the binomen *Coluber triangulum* (Name No. 2186);
- (b) *coccineus* Blumenbach, 1788, as published in the binomen *Coluber coccineus* (Name No. 2187).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1656)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Hobart M. Smith, John D. Lynch and B. Gail Puckette in July 1964. The application was sent to the printer on 13 July 1964 and was published on 26 November 1964 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 392–396. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to two herpetological serials. The application was supported by L. D. Wilson and K. L. Williams.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 19 September 1966 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (66)50 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 395. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 19 December 1966 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-three (23), received in the following order: Boschma, Holthuis, Simpson, Mayr, Vokes, Obruchev, China, Bonnet, Lemche, Uchida, Binder, Munroe, Brinck, Jaczewski, Sabrosky, Tortonese, Alvarado, Ride, Stoll, Kraus, Mertens, Forest, Evans.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): do Amaral, Hubbs.

In returning his voting paper Prof. Per Brinck made the following comment: “Smith, Lynch and Puckette have in a very clear way demonstrated that *Coluber doliatus* Linnaeus is *Cemophora coccinea* Blumenbach. It is evident that their decision would be accepted by anyone interested in these snakes.

Therefore, there would hardly be any more trouble as regards the applicability of the name, but it cannot be denied that it would be troublesome to have *doliatus* transferred to a genus where it has not been placed previously and in such a way that it takes the place of another specific name."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

coccineus, *Coluber*, Blumenbach, 1788, *Magazin f.d. neuste aus d. Physik u. Naturg.* **5** (1) : 11, pl. 1

doliatus, *Coluber*, Linnaeus, 1766, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 12) **1** : 376

triangulum, *Coluber*, Lacépède, 1788, *Hist. nat. Quad. ovip. Serpens* **2** : (table methodique) 86, 331.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (66)50 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 804.

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